International Airport Status to Jaipur Airport

3826. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the airports in the country which were till date declared as international airports during 2000-2001;

(b) whether Jaipur Airport is being given the status of international airport, if so, what progress made in this regard so far ;

(c) whether Government would declare Jaipur Airport as an International Airport, if so, by when;

(d) whether any budgetary allocation is likely to be made/already made in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Airports at Amritsar, Ahmedabad, Bangalore. Cochin (Nedumbassery), Goa, Guwahati and Hyderabad have been declared as international airports during the year 2000-2001.

(b) to (e) : Jaipur Airport, which has already been developed as a Model Airport at a cost of Rs.14.24 crores, is now being further upgraded. Runway is being extended to 9000 ft to cater for operation of AB-300 type of aircraft at a cost of Rs. 24.03 crores. Work has already been awarded and is likely to be completed by March, 2003. Work for construction of new Technical Block cum - Control Tower at a cost of Rs.4.92 crores is in progress and likely to be completed by December, 2001. In the long-term development plan, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has proposals to construct a new terminal building, apron, car park and fire station besides other infrastructure at Jaipur Airport subject to traffic pickup. Adequate budgetary provision for the development works at Jaipur has been made by AAI, . Declaration of an airport as international airport will depend upon traffic potential and demand from airlines for operation of international flights. At present there is no proposal to declare any airport as international airport.

Notification Under Air Act

3827. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any notification(s) has been issued by Government u/s 3(2) and 4(2) of the Carriage by Air Act, 1972;